Sl. No.	Location of DRT	Date of Establishment
4.	Bangalore	30.11.1994
5.	Ahmedabad	21.12.1994
6.	Chennai	4.11.1996
7.	Guwahati	7.1.1997
8.	Patna	24.1.1997
9.	Jabalpur	7.4.1998
10.	Mumbai	16.7.1999
11.	Hyderabad	21.9.1999
12.	Ernakulam	4.10.1999

(c) and (d) As reported by DRTs more than 32836 cases involving more than Rs. 33395 crores were filed as on 31.12.99. Out of these cases more than 10462 cases involving an amount of more than Rs. 4567 crores have been disposed and an amount of more than Rs. 820 crores has been realised.

Consumer Price and Whole Sale Price Index

†536. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating on a new method for determination of other Consumer Price Index including Whole Sale Price Index;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for determination of these price indices, prices of the articles belonging to different areas are incorporated;

(c) if so, what are the areas which are given importance in determination of price indices alongwith percentage thereof; and

(d) the percentage to which different areas are proposed to be given importance in the new determination system at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Government has already launched a "New Working Class and Family Expenditure

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Survey". This would form the basis of evolving a new series of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers. Government is very shortly introducing a new Wholesale Price Index series (WPI) with base 1993-94 on the recommendations of an Expert Group appointed in 1993.

(b) to (d) The present WPI series with base 1981-82=100 takes into account 2371 price quotations of 447 commodities at the wholesale level from various markets. As against this the revised WPI series (base 1993-94=100) would take into account 1918 price quotations of 435 commodities.

In the WPI series, commodities are classified under three major groups. Weights are assigned to these commodities on the basis of the volume of their wholesale transaction in the economy. The three major groups in the existing WPI series with base 1981-82 and their respective weights out of a total of 100 are listed below:

* Primary Articles—32.30
* Fuel, Power, Light & Lubricants—10.66
* Manufactured Products—57.04

The wrights of these three major commodity groups in the revised WPI series to be introduced shortly with base 1993-94 are as follows:

* Primary Articles—22.02
* Fuel, Power, Light & Lubricants—14.23
* Manufactured Products—63.75

Inclusion of new industries in the priority lending

†537. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new industries have been included in the existing list of specified priority sector during the last three

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